

Summary of Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission 2013 Midyear Meeting
Report by John Baza to the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining
May 30, 2013

[See attached program for full schedule]

Monday, May 20th

[Prior to the General Session, JRB attended the Steering Committee meeting that was held a day earlier than scheduled because of the need for one of the attendees to be absent on Tuesday.]

General Session:

- James Griggs, Chairman, Alabama Oil & Gas Board – welcome to Alabama and especially Point Clear; Griggs is a resident of nearby Fairhope, AL and hopes the participants will enjoy their time in the area; wants all to be sure that all of us leave some of our excess monetary funds behind.
- Governor Robert Bentley of Alabama – Chairman's Address – described the key points of the States First initiative that he has implemented; also presented E.W.Marland Award to Mr. Nick Tew, Oil & Gas Supervisor for Alabama.
- Bob Sussman, Senior Policy Advisor for U.S. EPA – described EPA's overall mission and objectives for protecting the environment, but offered up that the states have the better ability to properly regulate such matters within their borders.
- Lynn Helms, Director, ND Industrial Commission (standing in for Gov. Corbett of PA who could not attend) – provided more details regarding the States First initiative, but described how their activities in ND relate to the initiative.
- Governor Phil Bryant of Mississippi (incoming IOGCC Chairman in 2014 – talked of the importance of oil and gas development to the State of Mississippi and to the rest of the U.S. (His slide presentation is available on the IOGCC website.)

[Adjourn to lunch and afternoon Committee meetings – see attached program agenda. JRB attended Council of State Oil & Gas Attorneys and Public Lands Committee. At the Attorney's Council meeting, JRB led a discussion of local vs. state jurisdiction as related to setback requirements.]

Tuesday, May 21st

[Continuation of Committee meetings. JRB attended Environmental and Safety Committee, IOGCC/EPA MOU meeting, Council of State Regulatory Officials, and the Business Session.]

IOGCC/EPA MOU meeting:

- EPA attendees were Ron Curry, Regional Administrator for Region 6; Rob Lawrence, Energy Advisor for Region 6; and Shaun McGrath, new RA for Region 8.
- General discussion of efforts underway by states to identify and address oil and gas environmental challenges – brief comments made by each of Bill Sydow, NE; Cathy Foerster, AK; Grant Black, WY; Tom Richmond, MT; Tim Curry, OK; and John Baza, UT.
- Rob Lawrence provided updates and discussion of various topics of interest from EPA – study of potential HF impacts on drinking water – December progress report released, webinars produced, scheduled through June; induced seismicity (Region 6 is lead); air quality – new source performance standards rule was recently released for comment; diesel use in HF guidance document – EPA currently addressing more than 97,000 comments; effluent limitation guidelines

in unconventional shale development – primarily generated for CBM, now it's more focused on shale.

- Next steps – key messages for EPA Headquarters and future topics of interest.

Council of State Regulatory Officials:

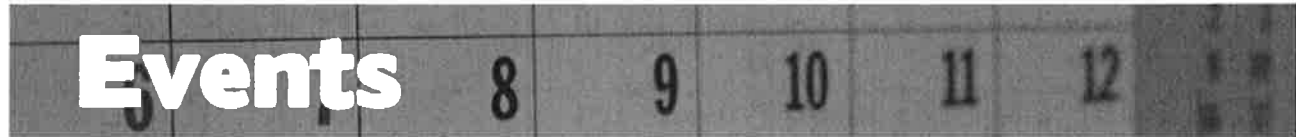
- Alberta – discussion paper on unconventional resources is out for public comment.
- Michigan – established a water withdrawal assessment tool that they are encouraging operators to use.
- Indiana – recently performed their highest volume fracture stimulation ever involving more than 2.3 million gallons (>54,000 bbls) of water.
- North Dakota – considering location construction standards for newly drilled wells.
- West Virginia – legislature recently passed a Horizontal Drilling Act.
- Oklahoma – key issues include water recycling facilities for HF (related to overall water management) and induced seismicity.
- Florida – trying to get a better understanding of gas storage facilities, especially those situated in salt domes.
- Montana – charging \$150 per drilling permit, still approving 1280-acre drilling units (a practice that crossed the border from North Dakota).
- Texas – working on a water recycling rule, strengthening rules on wellbore integrity.
- Wyoming – staffing issues (having trouble filling vacancies); baseline water well testing rule; centralized IT (!); wants western states to ask for extended comment period for BLM HF rule.
- Nebraska – very interested in re-establishing IOGCC's inspector certification process.

Business Committee:

- Nominating Committee selected and States voted affirmatively for the following IOGCC officers for 2014 - Chairman – Governor Phil Bryant, Mississippi; Vice Chairman – Cathy Foerster, Alaska; Second Vice Chairman – vacant for now, Bill Dougherty, Kentucky will serve out the remainder of 2013 term for Michael Ming, Oklahoma as Mr. Ming has resigned his position as Oklahoma Secretary of Energy to work in the private sector.
- Business Committee approved two sunseting resolutions for reinstatement - Resolution 11.061 – Urging Congress to Enact Legislation to Clarify that Natural Gas Storage Should be Regulated by the States; Resolution 11.062 – Supporting Continued Environmentally Responsible Development of Unconventional Oil and Natural Gas Resources in the United States.
- Next meetings of IOGCC - 2013 Annual Meeting in Long Beach, CA, November 4-6, 2013; 2014 Midyear Meeting in Biloxi, MI, May 18-20-2014; 2014 Annual Meeting in Columbus, OH, date TBA.

[Various slide presentations for the 2013 Midyear Meeting are available in pdf format on the IOGCC website: <http://www.iogcc.state.ok.us/2013-point>]

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Tentative Agenda

**The Grand Hotel Marriott
Point Clear, Alabama**

Sunday, May 19th

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Registration**

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception**
USS Alabama

Monday, May 20th

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Registration**

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Guest Program**

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **General Session**

Opening remarks

John Baza, Director, Utah Department of
Natural Resources, Division of Oil , Gas
and Mining

Welcome

James Griggs, Chairman, Alabama Oil & Gas
Board

Chairman's address & Special Presentation
Governor Robert Bentley, Alabama

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. - 11:30p.m. **General Session Resumes**

Guest speaker

Bob Sussman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Senior Policy Advisor

Feature speaker

Governor Tom Corbett, Pennsylvania

Feature speaker

Governor Phil Bryant, Mississippi

12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Luncheon

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Energy Resources, Research & Technology Committee

Paul Doucette, Government Affairs & Policy, GE Oil & Gas

"Gas Oil Technologies Implementing Agreement of the International Energy Agency"

Patrick Sullivan, President, Mississippi Energy Institute

"Will America Become Energy Self-Sufficient, Or Not?"

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Council of State Oil & Gas Attorneys

Conrad Armbrrecht & Duane Graham, Attorneys, Armbrrecht Jackson LLP

"Early Developments and History of Offshore Drilling in Alabama"

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

State Review Committee

Jim Erb, Consultant, STRONGER

"STRONGER update"

Scott Perry, Deputy Secretary, Office of Oil and Gas Management, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

"Benefits of a State Review"

Wilma Subra, President, Subra Company

"Air Workgroup"

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Public Outreach Committee

Rebecca Lamb, Program Director, The NEED Project

"Engaging the Next Generation of Energy Leaders"

Catreana McMullen, Senior Public Awareness Specialist, Access Midstream

"The Value of Partnerships"

Mindy Stitt, Executive Director, Oklahoma
Energy Resources Board (OERB)
*"OERB's Public Outreach and Education
Programs"*

3:30 p.m. - 5:00
p.m.

Public Lands Committee

Dan Arthur, President, ALL Consulting,
*"Considerations Pertaining to the Greater
Sage-Grouse and Unconventional Resource
Development"*

Roger Barrus, Utah State Representative,
*"Who Should Be Managing Energy Production
On Public Lands – The Federal Government Or
The States?"*

4:00 p.m. - 5:00
p.m.

Resolutions Committee

6:00 p.m. - 8:00
p.m.

Hotel Reception

Tuesday, May 21st

7:00 a.m. - 8:00
a.m.

Finance Committee

7:30 a.m. - 9:00
a.m.

Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m. - 12:00
p.m.

Registration

8:00 a.m. - 9:15
a.m.

Steering Committee

9:00 a.m. - 10:15
a.m.

Environment & Safety Committee

Farrah Lowe, Director of Land & National
Resources, NiSource, *"NiSource's
Modernization Program with Infrastructure"*

Kyle Taylor, Vice President, Earth Born Clean,
*"A New Environmentally- and Equipment-
Friendly Blend for Well Stimulation, Matrix
Acidizing and Acid Fracturing"*

Mark Scholz, President, Canadian Association
of Oilwell Drilling Contractors (CAODC) *"The
Canadian Drilling Industry"*

10:30a.m. - 12:00
p.m.

IOGCC/EPA MOU Meeting

10:30a.m. - 12:00
p.m.

Legal & Regulatory Committee

Lynn Helms, Director, Department of Mineral
Resources, North Dakota Industrial
Commission, *"Spacing and Unitization in Shale
Oil and Gas Plays"*

Howard O. Leach, Board Attorney, Mississippi
State Oil and Gas Board, *"Recent Judicial
Developments in Mississippi Relating to Oil
and Gas"*

David Hardie, Advisor, Alberta Energy
Resources Conservation Board
*"Liability Management in Alberta's Maturing
Oil and Gas Sector"*

Michel Paque, Executive Director, Ground
Water Protection Council, *"Hydraulic
Fracturing and State Regulations"*

IOGCC, *"State Oil and Gas
Tax Reference Regulation Table"*

12:00 p.m. - 1:30
p.m. **Lunch on your own**

12:00 p.m. - 2:00
p.m. **Council of State Regulatory Officials**
*(*Lunch for Committee Members Only)*

Michel Paque, Executive Director, Ground
Water Protection Council, *"FracFocus Update"*

2:00 p.m. - 2:30
p.m. **Break**

2:30p.m. - 4:30
p.m. **Business Session**

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